

5-Hour Parley Held on Berlin, Southeast Asia

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HYANNIS PORT, Mass., July 8—President Kennedy conferred for nearly five hours with his chief foreign and defense advisers here today on the Berlin crisis and the problems of Southeast Asia.

The high-level conference began shortly after reports reached here of Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's latest speech on Berlin and Germany and his announcement that he was suspending plans to reduce the size of the Soviet armed forces.

Flying in from Washington for the conference with the President were Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of

Rusk said that the aide-memoire on Berlin which will be sent to Russia next week was "in good shape." It is expected to be sent by Monday or Tuesday.

Salinger characterized today's discussions as "wide-ranging" on the questions of Germany and Southeast Asia. Most of the time was spent on Germany.

Unhurried Atmosphere

Mr. Kennedy planned the conference here because he wanted to meet his principal advisers on the Berlin crisis in an unhurried atmosphere, it was learned.

The four men went over in great detail all the proposals and counter-proposals that have made in connection with the Berlin and German problems, it was said, without attempting to reach decisions.

The President has held a number of meetings with his foreign and defense advisers on Berlin since returning from his Vienna meeting with Khrushchev more than a month ago.

The meeting today differed from those in the past in that it was held only with the principal officials involved in decision-making and was the longest and most all-embracing the President has held.

It was explained that the President believed such a discussion could be held at this vacation retreat without interruption much better than in Washington.

Hence he asked Rusk, McNamara and Taylor to fly here. The four men met for almost two hours in the sun room of the President's home this morning.

Then they boarded the cabin cruiser, the Marlin, owned by the President's father, who is in France, for a cruise of nearly three hours. They had lunch on board.

Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spalding of New York, old friends of the Kennedys, went aboard the Marlin with the high officials.

But the President guided his advisers to the fa  tall for their talks, and Mrs. Kennedy took the Spaldings forward for the cruise.

Before the trio arrived from Washington aboard an Air Force plane, Brig. Gen. Chester V. Clifton, the President's military aide, briefed the President on the latest intelligence reports.

When the President and his guests boarded the Marlin, the President and McNamara were wearing sports shirts and slacks while Rusk and Taylor wore business suits.

Mrs. Kennedy was in a bathing suit.

While on the cruise, Mrs. Kennedy went water skiing and McNamara and Taylor had a brief swim.

The President has no official schedule Sunday. Salinger said it would be a day of complete rest.

The President will return to Washington early Monday. His first meeting there will be to prepare for the visit beginning Tuesday of Pakistan's President Mohammad Ayub Khan.

Attending the meeting with the President will be Rusk, Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, and William M. Rountree, Ambassador to Pakistan.

At noon, the President will meet with the Citizens Committee for International Development to discuss means for giving support to the foreign aid program now facing heavy fire in Congress.

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Defense Robert S. McNamara and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, the newly appointed military adviser to the President.

Rusk and White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger warned against characterizing the special meeting as a crisis or emergency conference.

"Profitable Talk"

Rusk told reporters as he boarded an Air Force plane to return to Washington that the officials had had a "relaxed and profitable talk."

When asked for the meeting were announced yesterday, it was said that they would be on the subject of Berlin and Germany.

Salinger said there was no special development that caused the President and his advisers to include in their talks Southeast Asia, the other major topic spot requiring the attention of American foreign and defense officials.

Rusk could not comment on Khrushchev's speech, but had seen the full text and said that it was one he had seen that the Soviet Premier made on Berlin in his meeting with President Kennedy in Vienna last week.